

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 717

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jean W. Jones upon her induction into the County Officials Association of Tennessee Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those Tennesseans who dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens throughout their careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, Jean W. Jones is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; she was recently inducted into the County Officials Association of Tennessee (COAT) Hall of Fame at the organization's fifty-first annual convention and trade show in Gatlinburg; and

WHEREAS, established in 2018, the COAT Hall of Fame honors county officials who have contributed in significant ways to their offices, their affiliate organizations, and COAT; inductees must have served in their positions for at least fifteen years and been out of office for a minimum of five years. Only one clerk and master and one circuit court clerk are added to the Hall of Fame each year; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary thirty-year tenure as Hamblen County Clerk and Master, Jean Jones distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones became Hamblen County Clerk and Master in 1965, three years before COAT's founding; she was a longtime member of COAT's education and legislative committees and served as treasurer, chairman of the forms and standardization committee, and president of the Tennessee State Court Clerk's Association (TSCCA); and

WHEREAS, as an exemplary leader of TSCCA, Jean Jones helped work through legislation to endorse funding for the Court Clerk's Conference and to that end, saw a bill pass in 1982; she was an active member during the adoption of bylaws in 1984 and the formation of a committee to study computer automation for clerks in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones was a member of the first group of clerks designated as Certified Public Administrators in 1989 and was part of the audit committee in 1992 and 1993 that found discrepancies and put in place guidelines for State and divisional treasurers; and

WHEREAS, Jean Jones served as Tennessee Director and Sergeant at Arms for the International Association of Clerks, Records, Election Officials and Treasurers for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Ms. Jones was named Outstanding Court Clerk of the State of Tennessee in 1983 and Outstanding County Official in the State of Tennessee in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Jean Jones is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jean W. Jones upon her induction into the County Officials Association of Tennessee Hall of Fame, thank her for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, and extend our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.